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because King used the language of white people and the approach they approved of. Whereas Martin Luther King said, if blood must flow in the streets let it be our blood, as black people, and not the blood of our white brothers. This, after three young people had been murdered in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and buried in a dike--Cheney, Swarner, and Goodman--which, by the way, is the city that Ronald Reagan went to, to kick off his presidency, and he was buried in Simi Valley. So it's appropriate that those two places bracketed his life--the place where the three civil rights workers were murdered by the Klan, and Simi Valley where the racists exonerated cops who had brutally beaten Rodney King. And in-between was the racist activity of Ronald Reagan, the appeal openly to the Ku Klux Klan. He made no secret about it. That's how we see these people and that's why we judge them differently from the way you all do. I think they named an airport after Ronald Reagan. Well, they didn't inquire of us whether they should name anything after him. White people named a huge ugly building in Washington, D.C., after J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI building, and that man did more that would undermine the constitution than anybody outside this country who would be called an enemy of America. He wasted I don't know how many tens of thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands of dollars, having me spied on, me, and all of his agents would have...all they would have had to do was ask me anything they wanted to ask me, and they would have gotten my opinion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They attended speeches that I gave, and the media were there. Why did they have to send an FBI agent? When I got some of this stuff through the Freedom of Information, I would have laughed at it, and at first I did, till I was reminded of how sinister this kind of activity is. I'm the only one where any record exists where the head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, told his agents, don't have any confrontation with Chambers because he will publicly embarrass the bureau. That was what J. Edgar Hoover said. You can get this information through the Freedom of Information Act. Nobody on this floor can say that. The FBI had John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy shaking in their boots, and all these other white big shots, but